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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON THE FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION (FPA), THE IPPF AFFILIATE IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, IS KEYED TO THE QUESTION NUMBERS PN REFTEL.

1. THE FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION HAS UNDERGONE A WRENCHING BUT POSITIVE RESTRUCTURING AND UPGRADING OF ITS STAFF THIS YEAR DESIGNED TO STRENGTHEN ITS INFORMATION AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM AND TO PROVIDE THE STAFF CAPABILITY TO UNDERTAKE A COMMUNITY-BASED DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM IN 1976.

2. THE FPA PLANS TO BECOME INVOLVED IN A MAJOR WAY IN A COMMUNITY-BASED DELIVERY SYSTEM THROUGH VILLAGE AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS AND INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES IN 1976. THE COST OF THESE SERVICES TO ACCEPTORS WILL REMAIN NEGLIGIBLE.

3. THE FPA WILL NEED TO UNDERTAKE SIGNIFICANT NEW TRAINING OF ITS PERSONNEL IN 1976, GIVEN ITS STAFF CHANGES AND ITS ENTRY INTO NEW AREAS. MOST OF THE TRAINING WILL BE DONE LOCALLY BUT THE FPA HOPES TO SEND SOME OF ITS STAFF MEMBERS TO THE MARGARET SANGER INSTITUTE AND OTHER U.S. TRAINING CENTERS.

4. THE FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION PROVIDES THE MAJOR UNCLASSIFIED

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EFFORT IN INFORMATION AND EDUCATION IN THE COUNTRY WITH

THE GOVERNMENT PLAYING AN SECONDARY ROLE.

5. THE EMBASSY AND THE FPA ARE BOTH THOROUGHLY SATISIFIED WITH FUNDING OF FPA ACTIVITIES THROUGH IPPF LONDON. BECAUSE THERE IS NO LOCAL USAID PROGRAM OR STAFF, ADMINISTRATION OF A DIRECT GRANT HERE WOULD IMPOSE UNNECESSARY ADMINISTRATIVE BURDENS AND COMPLICATIONS WITHOUT SUBSTANTIALLY IMPROVING AN ALREADY SATISFACTORY SITUATION.

6. THE FPA HAS TAKEN AN ACTIVE AND LEADING ROLE IN A,B, AND C. THE GOVERNMENT HAS MOVED MUCH SLOWER AND MORE BUREAUCRATICALLY IN THESE AREAS.

7. SO FAR THE LEVEL OF FUNDING ALL SOURCES OF THE FPA HAS BEEN ADEQUATE TO MEET ITS PROGRAM OBJECTIVES. WITH THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE FPA STAFF AND THE MOVEMENT INTO A COMMUNITY-BASED DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM, HOWEVER, ADDITIONAL FUNDS MAY BE REQUIRED IN THE FUTURE.

8. THE FPA DOES HAVE THE POTENTIAL FOR MANAGING A COUNTRY-WIDE COMMUNITY-BASED DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM AND IS, IN FACT, THE ONLY ORGANIZATION LIKELY TO UNDERTAKE SUCH A PROGRAM.

9. BOTH ORAL CONTRACEPTIVES AND CONDOMS ARE PROVIDED FREE OF CHARGE TO PERSONS REGISTERED WITH THE ASSOCIATION. THE ONE-TIME REGISTRATION FEE IS APPROXIMATELY US\$1.

10. THE FPA HAS STOCKS OF ORAL CONTRACEPTIVES AND CONDOMS SUFFICIENT TO LAST THROUGH THE MIDDLE OF 1976 WITH ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES ON ORDER TO CARRY IT WELL INTO 1977.

11. INTERMEDIARY EFFECTIVENESS EFFICIENCY

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